



## 2004-05 Template (Blank Version) and Data Definitions Posted

**T**he "blank" version (without data) of the 2004-05 School Accountability Report Card ([SARC](#)) [template \(in Word\)](#) for SARCs published in the 2005-06 school year has been posted on the California Department of Education (CDE) Web site. [Data Element Definitions and Sources](#) that support the template can also be found on the SARC Web site. The template and data definitions were approved by the State Board of Education at its May 2005 meeting.

By early November 2005, the CDE expects to post on its Web site the 2004-05 SARC template that may be downloaded with much of the data needed for completing the report card. Individuals who have previously requested to be included on the CDE's SARC Coordinator e-mail list will be notified when the template with data becomes available. To be added to this e-mail list, individuals may complete and submit the [Update Your SARC Coordinator](#) form.

### **SARC Bills Advance in the Legislative Process**

As of the time that this edition of the *SARCnews* was being prepared (late June 2005), the following SARC-related bills had advanced in the California Legislature:

- Assembly Bill 1609 (Liu), which would expand the career technical education programs area of the SARC, is currently pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- Senate Bill 485 (Migden), as amended on April 11, 2005, would for one year (1) expand the career technical education programs area of the SARC and (2) remove the teacher and administrative salaries reporting elements of the SARC. As amended on May 31, 2005, all the bill's provisions were replaced by a new requirement that school districts offering grades nine to twelve, inclusive, shall file a written

report with the Legislature by January 1, 2007, as to whether the district discontinued any career technical education courses or closed any career technical education facilities during the 2002-03 or 2003-04 school years. The bill is currently pending in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

- Senate Bill 687 (Simitian), which would expand the salaries and expenditures areas of the SARC, is currently pending in the Assembly Education Committee.

For more information about these bills, visit the [California Legislative Counsel](#).

### SARC Question of the Month

The following is the "SARC Question of the Month," along with its answer:

Q. Are local educational agency governing boards required to approve the publication of a SARC?

A. Yes. *Education Code* Section 35256 states:

*The governing board of each school district maintaining an elementary or secondary school shall by September 30, 1989, or the beginning of the school year develop and cause to be implemented for each school in*

*the school district a School Accountability Report Card.*

*(a) The School Accountability Report Card shall include, but is not limited to, the conditions listed in Education Code Section 33126.*

*(b) Not less than triennially, the governing board of each school district shall compare the content of the school district's School Accountability Report Card to the model School Accountability Report Card adopted by the State Board of Education.*

*Variances among school districts shall be permitted where necessary to account for local needs.*

*(c) The Governing Board of each school district shall annually issue a School Accountability Report Card for each school in the school district, publicize such reports, and notify parents or guardians of students that a copy will be provided upon request.*

If you have questions or comments about the topics covered in this newsletter, or suggestions for topics for a future newsletter, please contact us as indicated below.

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